

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, 5 and 7 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended to overcome the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings because reference characters 170i and 180j are not mentioned in the description. However, reference number 170i and 180j are mentioned in the description at, for example, page 25, lines 9 and 17. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 6 under non-statutory double-patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,608,296. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under obviousness-type double-patenting is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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